

Parent News

Supporting Student Success

Wednesday, July 28

Chancellor's Community Forum, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Shaw @Garnet-Patterson, 2001 10th St. NW

Thursday, July 29

Chancellor's Office Hours, 6-8 p.m., Kenilworth Elementary, 1300 44th St. NE

Saturday, Aug. 21

Volunteer for Beautification Day! Groups and individuals can register today at dcps.dc.gov.

Monday, Aug. 23

First Day of School
(Visit www.dcps.dc.gov for everything you need to prepare for your student's first day.)

Celebrate Learning All Summer Long

We all know that learning never ends even when the weather is warm and school is out. Summer is a time when you can maintain the academic gains your child made. That's why District of Columbia Schools is celebrating Learning All Summer Long – and not just for our students.

Check out

www.dcps.dc.gov/dcps/summerlearning to find a schedule of upcoming community meetings, and learn how you can maintain student achievement by using our summer guide.

Free lunch all summer, all students

School is out for the summer, but food is always in session! Children under 18 can receive FREE breakfast and lunch at participating DC Public Schools and recreation centers throughout the city from June 28 – Aug. 6. Call 311 or visit www.dcps.dc.gov/DPCS/foodservices to find the free summer meals site closest to you!

Update your child's immunizations

As parents/guardians, we know that children can spread many illnesses when they are together at school. Immunizations protect children from the most dangerous diseases. That is why immunizations are required, by law, before children start school. Keep your children, and all of our children, healthy. Please call the DC Department of Health Immunization Division at 202.576.7130 for more information, or visit us online at www.dcps.dc.gov for a list of required immunizations.



Students from Sousa Middle School
Photo by Michael DeAngelis

DCPS has everything you need to start the school year off right at www.dcps.dc.gov, including instructional videos on back-to-school information such as how to enroll your child, how to arrange transportation and more. Log on today!



Students from Noyes Education Campus
Photo by Bel Perez-Gabilondo



Student from Garrison Elementary
Photo by Bel Perez-Gabliondo

Are you ready to plan for your student's future? Check out DCPS' Individual Graduation Portfolio to help your student plan for college or his or her career. Visit www.dcps.bridges.com for a variety of tools such as a course plan builder, aptitude tests, college finders and more.



Student from Ludlow-Taylor
Photo by Michael DeAngelis

Upcoming preschool and pre-k screenings

All preschool and pre-kindergarten students in Title I schools will receive a developmental screening at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. (Title I schools include *all* schools in Wards 1, 5, 7 and 8, and *most* schools in Wards 2, 4 and 6. A detailed list can be found online at www.dcps.dc.gov.) The screening is a questionnaire parents complete with the school to make sure their children are learning and growing as expected. You may be contacted this summer with an opportunity to do the screening before school begins. You may start the process now by calling the Early Stages Center at 202.698.8037 and requesting a screening or visiting us online at www.earlystagesdc.org.

Attention special education parents

District of Columbia Public Schools must protect disabled students from discrimination in services, programs and activities. In addition, DCPS must locate, evaluate and identify children living in the District who may require accommodations or services under provisions outlined by the law (known as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973). If you know or suspect that your child has a disability that significantly impacts a major life activity and may need 504 accommodations, please contact your school and ask to speak with your 504 Coordinator. You also can call the District's Director of Targeted Student Support at 202.299.2005 with any questions or concerns.

First week of school for early ed students

This year, we are having an "Early Childhood Transition Week" for all children attending a pre-school or pre-K class in DCPS during the 2010-11 school year. This means different children start on different days, enabling us more time to get to know each of your children and better plan their instruction. If your child's last name starts with the letters A-K, you should bring him or her on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 23 and 24. If your child's last name starts with L-Z, you should bring him or her in on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 25 and 26. All children attend on Friday, Aug. 27 and every school day after that.